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SERIAL NO.: Not Yet Assigned
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TITLE: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONDITIONING NUCLEAR
FUEL ASSEMBLIES WITH DOUBLE CONFINEMENT
BARRIER
EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
ART UNIT: Not Yet Assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.